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SUBJ: VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF MINISTRY OF COMMERCE OFFICIAL

1. MR. PRAYOONTALERNGSRI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE COMMERCIAL REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, HAS INFORMED EMBASSY HE PLANS TO BE IN WASHINGTON FOR TWO DAYS AROUND OCTOBER 13 IN AN UNOFFICIAL CAPACITY AND WOULD APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO VISIT NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS AND, AT SUGGESTION OF ECON/CML COUNSELOR, PATENT OFFICE AS WELL. RECENT PRESS REPORT NOW CONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCES, REPORT THAT RTG IS MOVING TOWARD ADOPTION OF FIRST PATENT LAW, ALONG STANDING US COMMERCIAL OBJECTIVE IN THAILAND AND ONE THAT EMBASSY HAS SOUGHT TO PROMOTE. SEPARATE REPORT ON THIS SUBJECT WILL FOLLOW RESPONSIBILITY FOR PATENT MATTERS RESTS IN PRAYOON'S OFFICE.

2. PRAYOON, ALTHOUGH A DEPUTY, HAS EXERCISED MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY IN COMMERCIAL REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ALIEN BUSINESS DECREES, AS VARIOUS EMBASSY REPORTS ON THIS SUBJECT HAVE POINTED OUT. WHEN DECREE WAS FIRST ISSUED IN LATE 1972, IT WAS PRAYOON WHO ACTED AS SPOKESN FOR HIS DEPARTMENT TO THE PRESS INSTEAD OF DEPARTMENT HEAD. MOREOVER, BECAUSE OFPRAYOON'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ALIEN BUSINESS DECREE AND FOR PATENT

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LAWS PLUS NATIONAL STANDARDS, HIS NAME IS CURRENTLY ON THE

LIST OF ELIGIBLE "LEADER GRANTS" ADMINISTERED BY USIS.
ALTHOUGH PRAYOON SPEAKS ENGLISH ADEQUATELY AND RAPIDLY -- HE
SPENT SEO# YEARS IN A UK UNIVERSITY -- HE CAN BE DIFFICULT TO
UNDERSTAND BECAUSE OF HIS PRONUNCIATION.

ACTION REQUESTED: THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE ON A TENTATIVE
BASIS FOR KHUN PRAYOON TO BE APPROPRIATELY RECEIVED IN
BUREAU OF STANDARDS AND IN PATENT OFFICE. MOREOVER, EMBASSY
SUGGESTS THAT ADVANTAGE BE TAKEN OF PRAYOON'S PRESENCE TO
PLACE HIM IN TOUCH WITH STATE AND USDOC OFFICIALS CONCERNED
WITH CLIMATE FOR FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN THAILAND, PARTICULARLY,
IN LIGHT US CONCERN OVER ADVERSE AFFECT OF ABD ON US
INVESTORS. THIS SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN INFORMAL MANNER,
HOWEVER, AND LUNCHEON OR DINNER ENVIRONMENT MIGHT BE MOST

SUITABLE. EMBASSY ALSO REQUESTS WASHINGTON'S RESPONSE TO
THIS MESSAGE PRIOR TO PRAYOON'S DEPARTURE FROM BANGKOK
OCTOBER 8 OR 10. EXACT DAYS IN WASHINGTON WILL BE
FORWARDED AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. PRAYOON'S POINT OF
CONTACT IN WASHINGTON WILL BE THAI EMBASSY.

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